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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58481

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Appln. No.: 09/537,416

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 6832

Examiner: Irene Marx

Filed: March 29, 2000

For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACIDS

RESPONSE

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Response is submitted along with an RCE application in further response to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2002 and the Advisory Action of May 1, 2003.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Entry of the Amendment filed on March 18, 2003 and the Supplemental Amendment filed on April 9, 2003, is requested in the RCE. Upon entry of the Amendments, claims 2-4 and 9-16, 19 and 21-23 will be all the claims pending.

In the Advisory Action dated May 1, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the amendment to claim 18 in the Amendment filed on March 18, 2003 may raise some issues.

However, it is respectfully submitted that claim 18 has been canceled in the Supplementary Amendment filed on April 9, 2003.